10/627,180 **Application Number TRANSMITTAL** July 25, 2003 Filing Date Aaron Stephen Meyers First Named Inventor **FORM** Group Art Unit 2132 (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing) 3854 Confirmation Number **Thomas Peeso Examiner Name** Sent via Express Mail Label No.: Attorney Docket Number 310478.01 ENCLOSURES (check all that apply) ☐ Fee Transmittal Form ☐ Assignment Papers ☐ After Allowance Communication to TC ☐ Fee Attached (for an Application) ☐ Appeal Communication to Board of Amendment / Reply (pages) ☐ Drawing(s) (sheets) Appeals and Interferences After Final Affidavits/declaration(s) Declaration Appeal Communication to TC □ Newly Executed (pages) A copy from a prior application □ Extension of Time Request Proprietary Information (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (pages) ■ Express Abandonment Request Status Letter ☐ Licensing-related Papers Information Disclosure Statement with Application Data Sheet Form PTO/SB/08A (pages) ☐ Petition Response to Notice to File Missing Parts Request for Corrected Filing Receipt ☐ Petition to Convert to a Provisional A copy of the Notice to File Missing Application Parts Under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.5 Return Receipt Postcard General Power of Attorney (SB80) CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION Other Enclosure(s) (please identify ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (Under 37 CFR § 1.8(a)) below): ☑ Issue Fee Transmittal ☐ Terminal Disclaimer I hereby certify that this correspondence is being □ Comments on Statement of electronically deposited with the USPTO via Reasons for Allowance ☐ Request for Refund EFS-Web on the date shown below: 1/2 CD, Number of CD(s) January 15, 2007 Signature Date The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional Remarks Noemi Tovar fees required, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-Printed Name 0463 for the above identified patent application. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OR AGENT 48,303 Signature Reg. No. Name of Attorney or Stephen C. Siu (425) 704-0669 Date January 15, 2007 Tel. Facsimile No. (425) 708-5046 **MICROSOFT CORPORATION** Assignee Name: **ONE MICROSOFT WAY**

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Title: Method and System for Building a Report for Execution Against a Data Store

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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Dear Sir:

Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claims 1–27 in the subject application by the

Examiner with appreciation. The Applicants agree with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons

for Allowance to the extent that the claims of the present invention are patentable over the

references in the record. The Applicants expressly traverse the Examiner's Statement of

Reasons for Allowance to the extent that any comment is intended or has the effect of limiting a

claim scope, explicitly or implicitly, by not reciting verbatim the respective claim language, or is

intended or has the effect of limiting a claim scope by stating or implying that all the reasons

for patentability are in any way fully enumerated.

Moreover, it appears that the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance reiterates

the Examiner's arguments made during prosecution. By virtue of the Examiner's allowance of

the claims over the cited references and the associated arguments, it is believed that the

previous arguments made by the Examiner have been overcome. Additionally, Applicants

specifically do not acquiesce or agree in any manner as to the comments made by the Examiner

regarding what the prior does or does not teach. Indeed, Applicants have pointed out the

errors in the comments/arguments in Applicants' Response to the Final Office Action.

The Applicants further point out that the reasons for allowance set forth by the

Examiner are not the only reasons that the claims are allowable. Further reasons for allowance

of the claims beyond those enumerated by the Examiner are described and set forth in the

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Applicants' specification. In addition, structures and methods that perform substantially the same function in substantially the same way to achieve substantially the same results are

included within the scope of the claims.

Finally, as the Examiner's reasons for allowance are not exhaustive, such reasons for allowance do not establish an estoppel against Applicants seeking and obtaining allowance of additional, broader claims in a continuation application, which Applicants reserve the right to

file.

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